WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method comprising:

determining a version of program code satisfying an operating policy; and

denying a client access to a resource if a version of the program code on the

client attempting to access the resource is different from the version of program

code satisfying the operating policy.

2. The method of claim 1, further comprising granting the client access

to the resource when the version of program code on the client corresponds to the

version of program code satisfying the operating policy.

3. The method of claim 1, further comprising determining the version

of program code on the client in response to requesting access to the resource on a

network.

4. The method of claim 1, further comprising determining the version

of program code on the client during launch of the program code.

5. The method of claim 1, further comprising writing the version of

program code on the client to a cache and then reading the cache while the

program code is loading.

6.   The method of claim 1, further comprising updating the program code on the client when the version of the program code on the client is different from the version of program code satisfying the operating policy.

7.   The method of claim 1, further comprising notifying a user at the client if the version of program code on the client is different from the version of program code satisfying the operating policy.

8.   The method of claim 1, further comprising notifying a network administrator if the version of program code on the client is different from the version of program code satisfying the operating policy.

9.   The method of claim 1, further comprising recording in a log if the version of program code on the client is different from the version of program code satisfying the operating policy.

10.   A method comprising:

determining a version of program code satisfying an operating policy; and

denying execution of program code on a client if a version of the program

code on the client is different from the version of program code satisfying the

operating policy.

11.   The method of claim 10, further comprising executing the program

code on the client when the version of program code on the client corresponds to

the version of program code satisfying the operating policy.

12.   The method of claim 10, further comprising determining the version

of program code on the client during launch of the program code.

13.   The method of claim 10, further comprising receiving the operating

policy at the client.

14.   The method of claim 10, further comprising writing the version of

program code on the client to a cache and then reading the cache while the

program code is loading.

15. The method of claim 10, further comprising updating the program code on the client when the version of program code on the client is different from the version of program code satisfying the operating policy.

16. The method of claim 10, further comprising notifying a user at the client if the version of program code on the client is different from the version of program code satisfying the operating policy.

17. The method of claim 10, further comprising notifying a network administrator if the version of program code on the client is different from the version of program code satisfying the operating policy.

18. The method of claim 10, further comprising recording in a log if the version of program code on the client is different from the version of program code satisfying the operating policy.

19.　A system comprising:

an operating policy; and

a compliance module accessing the operating policy and denying a client access to a resource if a version of program code on the client attempting to access the resource is different from a version of program code satisfying the operating policy.

20.　The system of claim 19, wherein the resource is available via a host on a network.

21.　The system of claim 19, further comprising a notification module, said notification module notifying at least one of a user, an administrator, and a log when the version of program code on the client is different from a version of program code satisfying the operating policy.

22.　The system of claim 19, wherein the operating policy includes at least one access control list (ACL).

23.　The system of claim 19, wherein the operating policy includes at least one access control entry (ACE).

24.   A system comprising:

an operating policy; and

a compliance module accessing the operating policy and denying execution

of program code on a client if a version of the program code on the client is

different from the version of program code satisfying the operating policy.

25.   The system of claim 24, further comprising a security module

authenticating the client in a network, the authenticated client receiving the

operating policy.

26.   The system of claim 24, further comprising a notification module,

said notification module notifying at least one of a user, an administrator, and a log

when the version of program code on the client is different from a version of

program code satisfying the operating policy.

27.   The system of claim 24, wherein the operating policy includes at

least one access control list (ACL).

28.   The system of claim 24, wherein the operating policy includes at

least one access control entry (ACE).

29.   A computer program product encoding a computer program for executing on a computer system a computer process, the computer process comprising:

determining a version of program code satisfying an operating policy; and

denying a client access to a resource if a version of the program code on the client attempting to access the resource is different from the version of program code satisfying the operating policy.

30.   The computer program product of claim 29 wherein the computer process further comprises determining the version of program code on the client in response to requesting access to the resource on a network.

31.   The computer program product of claim 29 wherein the computer process further comprises determining the version of program code on the client while the program code is loading.

32.   The computer program product of claim 29 wherein the computer process further comprises updating the program code on the client when the version of the program code on the client is different from the version of program code satisfying the operating policy.

33.   A computer program product encoding a computer program for executing on a computer system a computer process, the computer process comprising:

determining a version of program code satisfying an operating policy; and

denying execution of program code on a client if a version of the program code on the client is different from the version of program code satisfying the operating policy.

34.   The computer program product of claim 33 wherein the computer process further comprises determining the version of program code on the client during launch of the program code.

35.   The computer program product of claim 33 wherein the computer process further comprises receiving the operating policy at the client.

36.   The computer program product of claim 33 wherein the computer process further comprises updating the program code on the client when the version of program code on the client is different from the version of program code satisfying the operating policy.